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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
WEST END WATER COMPANY FOR AN
EXTENSION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

DOCKET NO. W-01157A-05-0706

**STAFF REQUEST TO SUSPEND
BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND
RE-OPEN HEARING**

On July 14, 2006, West End Water Company ("West End"), the City of Surprise ("Surprise") and Staff contacted the Administrative Law Judge via telephonic conference call regarding the above-captioned matter and stated that there is additional evidence relating to a request for service in this matter. The parties agreed, without objection, to postpone the due dates for closing and response briefs.

On July 14, 2006, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") ordered that closing briefs be due on July 26, 2006 and response briefs be due on August 9, 2006. The ALJ also ordered that the parties shall include in their closing briefs their recommendations regarding how to treat new evidence, including whether to reopen the hearing, in this matter.

Staff respectfully requests that the due dates for the closing briefs and the response briefs be postponed. On July 18, 2006, Surprise filed a Notice of Filing of Request for Service and Will Serve Letter. Staff believes this filing by Surprise raises new factual questions that need to be explored at a hearing. These questions are relevant since the information provided at a hearing may effect Staff's recommendation in this case. Staff believes that the filing of closing briefs at this time is premature since Staff believes that an additional hearing is necessary and appropriate under the circumstances.

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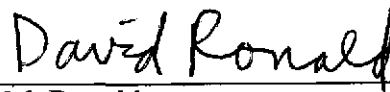
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1 Thus, Staff respectfully requests that the briefing schedule previously ordered by the ALJ be
2 postponed and that an additional hearing be conducted to elicit facts regarding the July 18, 2006
3 filing by Surprise.

4 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of July, 2006.

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